

The planet has been warming and cooling for millennia. Warmer temperatures make it all the more important to match tree density to the ability of the land to support it. That means more logging, not less.

California has taken draconian measures to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, at a terrible cost for the quality of life of Californians. We now suffer some of the highest costs for energy in the country; we have destroyed our manufacturing base; and we can't guarantee enough electricity to keep our refrigerators running. Yet a single catastrophic fire makes a mockery of all of these laws and the sacrifices they impose on our people.

Governor Newsom says he has no patience for such views. Well, that is a tragedy for all Californians and for all of California's forests.

IN SUPPORT OF THE VETERAN HIGH ALTITUDE AND SUICIDE RESEARCH ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Utah (Mr. MCADAMS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MCADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the VA High Altitude and Suicide Research Act. I introduced this bipartisan bill to combat a very serious threat to our veteran population.

After serving and protecting our country, our veterans return home only to face new threats. Studies show that veteran suicide is one-and-a-half times higher than nonveteran suicides.

We must do everything we can to understand why our Nation's heroes are taking their own lives, and we must do more to prevent more tragic deaths.

In talking with suicide prevention experts in my home State of Utah, I am told that we need to better understand the possible connection between high altitude and suicide. That is what my bill does.

The VA High Altitude and Suicide Research Act compels the VA to study the link between veteran suicide and high altitude. It also requires the VA to establish effective treatment plans that respond to the threats and to save lives.

As a nation, we have a responsibility to prevent future tragedies and provide these servicemembers with the care that they so desperately deserve.

I thank the House for taking up this important legislation, and I urge adoption.

SUPPORT FOR A SUSTAINABLE, CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

Mr. MCADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of two of my bills included in the Clean Economy and Jobs Innovation Act. This legislative package takes bold and important steps toward a sustainable, clean energy economy. It is not only good for our health and for our environment, but it is good for our economy.

I am particularly pleased to see my legislation included in the package, the

Solar Energy Research and Development Act. This bill authorizes solar energy research, development, and deployment within the Department of Energy.

Utah is a national leader in solar technology and is projected to produce over 1,000 megawatts of solar power in the next 5 years. My bill addresses the very serious threat of climate change, while supporting clean energy jobs.

I am also pleased to see my air quality bill included. The Background Ozone Research Study Act directs the EPA and the National Academies of Science to study the sources of background ozone pollution and to provide actionable steps for cleaning our air.

Mr. Speaker, this bill supports our clean energy economy and addresses our very serious need to address the climate crisis.

IN SUPPORT OF THE FAITH IN CONGRESS ACT

Mr. MCADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the FAITH in Congress Act. This bipartisan legislation, introduced by my colleague STEPHANIE MURPHY, seeks to restore trust and faith in Congress as an institution.

As I travel throughout my district and talk with Utahns, there is a common theme that I hear from people of all political walks. That is that our political system is broken, and we need to change the way Washington does business. So this bill takes common-sense, concrete steps to restore that faith through five central pillars:

No automatic pay increases for Members of Congress, which I have fought against since I was first sworn in;

No budget, no pay;

No first-class Member travel at taxpayer expense;

A lifetime ban on lobbying by former Members of Congress; and

Prioritizing bipartisan bills over partisan bills.

That is it. Five simple steps that we should all be able to rally behind.

Mr. Speaker, this is common sense, and I urge the House to take up and pass this legislation without delay.

HONORING STAFF ASSISTANTS, LEGISLATIVE CORRESPONDENTS, AND LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SHIMKUS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to thank those young men and women who have served the people of Illinois and the country as staff assistants, legislative correspondents, and legislative assistants.

I include in the RECORD a list of their names.

Blanford, Thomas; Blanford, Meredith; Boyer, Davis; Cardon, Flavio (Amaya); Chang, Albert; Chiang, Alex; Clanahan, Chase; Culp, Grant; Daulby, Jen; Davidsmeyer, CD; DeWitt, Bret; Esposito, Tony; Flanagan, Matt; Goldenstein, Jim; Hatzis, Luke; Haverly, Jordan; Jamison, Reno; Johnson, Matt.

Kirsh, Ari; Lange, Kelly (Childress); Lloyd, Amy (Mathews); Madden, Steve; Mateer,

Mike; Mesack, Michelle (Yahng); Miniati, Charlie; Nordquist, Matt; Olson, Bill; Olson, Richard; Pfister, Sam; Reinhard, Courtney (Anderson); Rislute, Scott; Sarley, Chris; Schonert, Neil; Tvrdy, Joe; Uram, Steve; Wolf, Saralyn (Tucker); Youssefiani, Darius.

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, staff assistants are the first person a visitor sees or hears in my D.C. office. First impressions are lasting impressions, so even though they are the lowest on the totem pole, they are very important.

Staff assistants welcome visitors from the district. They help direct them and, many times, conduct tours of the Capitol. They help constituents with hotel information and lists of other tourist venues.

Flags flown over the Capitol are highly sought after. These flags are requested for memorial events and thank-yous. Many times they are needed in a timely manner and, most times, have a specific date that the flag should be flown. Staff assistants ensure that this is done.

The tough part of the job is answering the phones. Sometimes these calls are overwhelming and will get rolled to another staff member. Many times the callers are just plain mean and nasty. Just like in baseball, if the caller says the magic words, they are gone. There is no need to put my staff in that position. It is sad that adults act this way and young adults have to put up with it.

The next position in my office is the legislative correspondent. For me, these folks are concerned with writing and mailing letters in response to inquiries. Since I do not do bulk mailings, this job is even more important in that individual letters received by my office receive an individual response by me. Most of the time, I have constituents thanking me for responding. Very few times did we drop the ball, and if we did, I would circle back with my staff and we would get a letter out.

The legislative correspondent has the legislative assistant's help with the letter, which will be reviewed by my legislative director and the chief of staff. The legislative correspondent gets an idea of the width and the breadth and the depth of policy issues that constituents are concerned with. It is a great place to start.

Sometimes, on a very contentious issue, I will draft the letter myself. These letters have to come from the heart.

Legislative correspondents usually move to the legislative assistant position. Legislative assistants start specializing in specific policy areas. They may have some background in these areas, or they can be totally foreign to them. This is where a college degree based upon research, analysis, and writing pays off.

As a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, my subcommittees have to be covered. But it is not uncommon for staff members to carry a diversified portfolio of issues that they have to follow.

Can you imagine having to follow the evolving world of energy issues while also being responsible for education, veteran affairs, and foreign policy? This is a smaller example of the larger issues Members have to be on top of every day. The only way we can do that is with the help of our legislative assistants, and for that, I thank them.

From this position, some have continued to become legislative directors, work on a committee, become chief of staff, work in the private sector, or return home to start other careers. Some may even find their way back to D.C. as a Member of Congress. This does happen.

What a great benefit to have these young men and women sacrifice their time to serve the country. It is stressful; there are long hours; their compensation is limited, especially considering the high cost of living in D.C.

Whenever they leave this place, they will have an appreciation that governing is difficult and that most Members come to D.C. with a real desire to serve, just as they did. They have my thanks.

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CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. LEE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak in support of H.R. 1923, the Women's History and Nineteenth Amendment Centennial Quarter Dollar Coin Program Act. This bill will celebrate 100 years of women's suffrage by featuring women leaders from across the country on quarter dollar coins.

We have been working to advance this bill for over 3 years, and I am so proud to have the endorsement of various stakeholders and the support of the United States Mint and Treasury on this legislation.

Let me first thank my co-lead, Congressman ANTHONY GONZALEZ, as well as our Senate counterparts, Senators CATHERINE CORTEZ MASTO and DEB FISCHER, for their efforts, and for all of our staff for working diligently on this legislation.

And I thank my good friend Congresswoman MAXINE WATERS and the Financial Services Committee for their leadership and commitment to getting this bill to the floor. There is bipartisan and bicameral support for this legislation.

My good friend, Congresswoman BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN's legislation on semiquincentennial coins commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States is included in this coin package, and I thank her for spearheading the efforts on that initiative.

Finally, let me thank my dear friend, former U.S. Treasurer, Rosie Rios, who was really instrumental in shaping this

legislation years ago, and for her incredible work to raise the visibility of women in every space and place to reinforce the critical role women have played and continue to play in history. I am deeply grateful for her leadership.

Finally, let me just specifically acknowledge my staff, my former legislative director, Emma Mehrabi, for early on never missing a beat with diligence and strategic work in getting this bill to the floor, and also my current legislative director, Gregory Adams, who really has taken this bill to the finish line.

H.R. 1923 will create a new series of circulating quarters, starting in 2022, featuring trailblazing women in American history. It is my hope that women of all backgrounds, diverse American women, will be chosen and depicted, celebrating the accomplishments of our Nation's historical leaders, thinkers, innovators, activists, freedom fighters, women who have contributed to achievements in many, many fields: civil rights, abolition, suffrage, science, and technology, the arts and humanities, education. Because of these women our country is better for them and their leadership.

Much like the previous and celebrated 50 State Quarters program, the women featured on these coins and their images will be selected with broad public input. Each Governor will engage with members of the general public and local groups focused on increasing the inclusion of women or improving the quality of life for women to recommend a prominent, trailblazing woman to represent their State or territory to be featured on their State coin.

It is my hope that through this process the broader American public can engage in a dialogue and celebration of the contributions of these women, ensuring that their legacy and contributions are more widely known, understood, and valued in each and every corner of our country.

Mr. Speaker, driving to the Capitol this morning, traffic was stopped at the corner. I saw the hearse carrying the casket of our beloved Justice Ginsburg to the Supreme Court. I said a prayer as I witnessed the procession, and thought about her life and how she paved the way for racial and gender equality, and I thought about it in the context of this bill today, and the phenomenal women who this country will have a chance to get to know. I thank her for her life, her legacy, and for what she has done to ensure that women now have their rightful place in history.

RECOGNIZING BRAIN ANEURYSM MONTH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida (Mr. RUTHERFORD) for 5 minutes.

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brain Aneu-

rysm Month, the time when we spread awareness of the signs and symptoms and seek increased research into treatment and prevention.

This month has a very special connection to northeast Florida that I would like to take just a moment to share.

Trinity Love Hoblit was born with a rare form of primordial dwarfism and grew to be only 29 inches tall. Despite her small size, the love and joy she brought into this world was larger than life. Throughout her life, she battled brain aneurysms and underwent numerous surgeries to help alleviate the symptoms.

Sadly, on June 30, 2015, Trinity passed away. She was only 14 years of age.

To continue her life legacy, her parents, Olivia and Phil Hoblit, established the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation, headquartered in Amelia Island, Florida. Its purpose is to support and fund neurological research, training, and treatment for brain aneurysms, strokes, and other cerebrovascular conditions at hospitals in northeast Florida and around the country.

So in honor of Trinity and the foundation in her name, please listen closely to the risk factors and signs and symptoms of brain aneurysms.

The risk factors include: Smoking, high blood pressure, older age, alcohol and/or drug abuse, and family history.

The symptoms of a brain aneurysm include: Severe headache, pain above one eye or behind one eye, blurred or double vision, difficulty speaking or swallowing, numbness or weakness on one side of the body, and seizures.

Please do not ignore these symptoms, and promptly seek medical care if you experience any of them, especially if you are having the worst headache of your life. When it comes to brain aneurysms, awareness is the beginning of prevention and cure.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Florida, I offer my heartfelt thanks to Olivia and Phil Hoblit, the Trinity Love Hoblit Foundation, their board of directors, and advisory committee members for the lives they are helping to save every day.

Through their important work, the loving memory of Trinity Love Hoblit will live on forever.

JUSTICE FOR BREONNA TAYLOR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GREEN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise, and I rise today, Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the many persons who are peacefully protesting and demanding justice for Breonna Taylor; peacefully protesting and demanding justice.

But I also rise, Mr. Speaker, for the many persons who may never protest, but believe that Breonna Taylor deserves justice.